

TO MAKE
YOU LAUGH.
Mr. Wilder's Spicy Col-
umn of the Latest
Jokes in the The-
atrical World.

Pretty Agnes Miller ran up to me the other day in a great state of excitement. "Oh, Mr. Wilder," said she, "I've got the best story for you that you ever heard. There was a boy who was very bad, and his mother tried to punish him. He ran away from her and took refuge under the woodened. He stayed there until his father came home, when the mother told him of his son's behavior. The old man grabbed a strap, and was crawling under the shed after the boy, who, seeing his father coming, inquired: 'Is she after you, too, pop?'"

It was too bad to disengage her, but I had to do it. "That is, or rather was, a good story when it was new, Miss Miller," I said, "but age has impaired its usefulness."

Then she called me a mean old thing. That reminds me that I have discovered a new humorist in the person of Horry De Val, the able secretary of Dr. Chaumoy. M. Depew. He let me into a few secrets the other night by which he purposes to revolutionize science. He is going to try to graft milk weeds on strawberry vines, so that the people can have berries and cream at the same time. He suggested also that bees should be crossed with lightning bugs so that the honey gatherers can work at night. If contempdes could be made to breed with hogs, he argued, the price of lard could be materially reduced.

McAvoy and May at Weber and Field's.

Music Hall exchange this bit of repartee: "I dreamed I was in heaven." "What awoke you? The heat?"

Daily and Devere, at Keith's, discuss matrimony: "So you want to get married again? I should think you would stay single to honor your husband's memory." "Sure, you can't take memory in your arms."

During a jealous quarrel, Foreman and West, at the same theatre, discuss the alleged lover in the case. "Did you notice how his face lights up?" "That's because he's lantern-jawed."

Lew Dockstader, at Koster and Blal's, asked his girl what she would do if she had a mustache on her upper lip. "If I liked the man I'd keep quiet," she answered.

There's a deal of truth in this joke of the Russell Brothers at Weber and Field's: "Which is worth the most—a horse or a man?" "A man, of course." "You're wrong. A horse is valuable when he's broken, but a man that's broken is no use to anybody."

In "Gay Mr. Lightfoot," at the Bijou, W. H. Thompson says a husband is like an egg—the longer he's kept in hot water, the harder he gets.

Here's one of Fritz Williams' latest: Business was slack in a cafe adjoining a theatre. During intermission nobody came in to "see a man." The proprietor sent his porter across the street to see if a rival establishment was getting all the trade. "Anybody drinking in there?" he asked anxiously, as Mike returned. "Divil a wan but two," was the paradoxical answer.

Richard Fuller Golden says he has discovered an occupation for retired sea captains—they should become insurance solicitors. In support of this statement he cites the case of a captain who, in trying to insure a farmer, nearly deluged him with his flow of eloquence. "You're quite a talker," said the granger. "How did you get your gift of gab?" "Well," said the captain, "when I was before the mast I could talk to everybody

on the ship. When I was promoted to be mate I could talk only to the officers, and when I became captain my official dignity would not let me speak to anybody. During the seven years I was captain I stored up a lot of talk, and now I am letting it out."

"Hum," mused the farmer, "aint it about time for you to go to sea again?"

When Digby Bell was playing in Newark recently a tall, elderly hayseed stepped up to the box office and asked: "What be the play to-night?" "Hoosier Doctor." "None o' your business who my doctor is. What's the play?" "Hoosier Doctor," repeated the box office man, smilingly. "My doctor aint gonna," so it don't concern you," snorted the man, and a row was imminent, when the employee explained the matter and restored peace.

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